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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: John M. Boyd

Appln. No.: 10/631,050

Filed: July 29, 2003

For: Method and Apparatus for Conditioning a Polishing Pad

Examiner: Anthony Ojini

Art Unit: 3763

Attorney Docket No: 7103/388

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P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

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- ☒ Transmittal Cover Letter (1p.); Response to Election Requirement (2pp.)  
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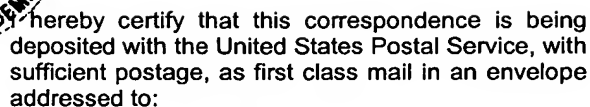
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## Response to Election Requirement

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**Dear Sir:**

In response to the election of species required by the Examiner, requiring election between:

**Species 1, Figs. 1-4;**

Species 2, Fig. 5-6; and

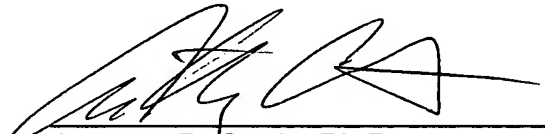
**Species 3, Fig. 7.**

Applicant elects, with traverse, Species 3, corresponding to Claims 10-16, 18-21 and 27-53. Applicant submits that Claims 10 and 44 are generic to all of the pending species as these claims recite features which can be found in the pending claims.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for the personal interview with Applicant's Agent, Anthony P. Curtis, conducted on August 17, 2004. In the interview, Applicant's Agent indicated that Applicant elected, with traverse, Species 3, corresponding to Claims 10-16, 18-21 and 27-53 and submitted that Claims 10 and 44 are generic.

In view of the amendments above, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seeks an early allowance thereof. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony P. Curtis', is written over a horizontal line.

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